CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A base station having a plurality of transmitting antennas, the base station

comprising

means for transmitting from each transmitting antenna, a reference signal having a code uniquely associated with that antenna; and

means for transmitting a data signal such that different spread spectrum versions of the data signal are transmitted from each antenna, each version having a different code for the respective transmitting antenna.

- 2. The base station of claim 1 wherein the means for transmitting a data signal transmits a plurality of data signals, such that spread spectrum versions of each data signal are transmitted from each antenna, each version having a different code for the respective transmitting antenna.
- 3. The base station of claim 2 wherein each version has a different code than the code for any of the versions of the plurality of data signals.

4. The base station of claim 1 wherein the base station transmissions are in a time division duplex format.

5. A base station comprising:

a plurality of transmitting antennas for transmitting a plurality of reference signals and data signal versions, each transmitting antenna operatively coupled to a reference signal generator and a mixer;

a plurality of reference signal generators, each reference signal generator generating a code uniquely associated with its operatively coupled to antenna;

a data signal generator for producing a data signal; and

a plurality of mixers for producing the plurality of the data signal versions, each mixer for mixing the data signal with a different code to produce one of the versions for that mixer's coupled to antenna.

6. The base station of claim 5 further comprising at least one additional data signal generator for producing at least one additional data signal;

for each at least one additional data signal generator, a plurality of mixers for producing a plurality of versions of that at least one additional data signal, each version

having a different code for transmission over a respective transmitting antenna of the transmitting antennas.

7. The base station of claim 5 wherein the base stations transmissions are in a time division duplex format.

8. A user equipment comprising:

a receiving antenna for receiving reference signals and data signal versions, each reference signal received from a different antenna from a single transmission site and each data signal version received from a different antenna from a single transmission site;

means operatively coupled to the receiving antenna for filtering received reference signals using a code associated with the reference signals and weighting each filtered reference signal by a particular weight;

means for combining the weighted first signals to produce a combined signal and adaptively adjusting each of the reference signal's particular weight based on in part a signal quality of the combined signal; and

means for filtering each data signal version with a code associated with that data signal version and combining the filtered versions to recover data.



- 9. The user equipment of claim 8 receiving transmissions in a time division duplex format.
- 10. The user equipment of claim 8 further comprising means for weighting each data signal version with the particular weight of a corresponding reference signal.
- 11. The user equipment of claim to wherein the weighting each filtered first signal is performed on each finger of the filtering means.
 - 12. The user equipment of claim 11 wherein the filtering is performed by a RAKE.
 - 13. A user equipment comprising:

a receiving antenna for receiving reference signals and data signal versions, each reference signal received from a different antenna from a single transmission site and each data signal version received from a different antenna from a single transmission site;

a first plurality of RAKEs operatively coupled to the receiving antenna for filtering received reference signals and weighting each filtered reference signal by a particular weight;

a combiner for combining the weighted first signals to produce a combined signal and adaptively adjusting a each of the reference signal's particular weight based on tin part a signal quality of the combined signal; and

a second plurality of RAKEs for filtering each data signal version with a code associated with that data signal version and combining the filtered versions to recover data.

- 14. The user equipment of claim 13 receiving transmissions in a time division duplex format.
- 15. The user equipment of claim 13 further comprising weighting devices for weighting each data signal version with the particular weight of a corresponding reference signal.
- 16. The user equipment of claim 13 wherein the weighting each filtered first signal is performed on each finger of the RAKEs.